

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY HUNTING AND FISHING FEES ACT

HOUSE FILE 720

MAJOR INCREASES, DECREASES, OR TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Increases the wildlife habitat fee for residents and non-residents from \$5.50 to \$8.00. The estimated increased revenue received from the wildlife habitat fees is \$344,000 per year. Half of this amount will be used for County Conservation Board Grants.
- Increases the fees for non-resident hunting and fishing licenses sold by the Department of Natural Resources. The Act requires non-resident deer hunters and turkey hunters to purchase a non-resident hunting license and a non-resident deer or turkey license and to pay a wildlife habitat fee. The estimated increased revenue received from non-resident licenses and fees will be \$2.5 million per year.
- Creates a \$3.00 fish habitat fee that is paid by residents and non-residents wanting to fish in the State of Iowa. The estimated increased revenue received from the fish habitat fees is \$689,000 per year. Half of this amount will be used for County Conservation Board Grants.
- Specifies the fee increase will be effective December 15, 2001, for the 2002 hunting and fishing license year.
- The Act was approved by the General Assembly on May 8, 2001, and signed by the Governor on May 23, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE

ENACTMENT DATE